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**North Carolina Museum of History to Host *Dressing the Abbey* Costume  
Exhibition,  
Opening October 23, 2021**

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**--Experience *Dressing the Abbey*, an exhibition featuring original costumes  
worn by the stars of *Downton Abbey*™. --**

**RALEIGH, NC – June 25, 2021**– The North Carolina Museum of History is excited to host [\*Dressing the Abbey\*](#), a costume exhibition that highlights fashion from one of the most widely watched television dramas in the world, *Downton Abbey*™.

Experience original costumes worn by the stars of *Downton Abbey* that depict fashions of the British aristocracy in the early 20th century. The exhibition showcases the turbulence and changes in the late Edwardian era through the 1920s by means of the fashions of the period while evoking fans' favorite moments.

The exhibition was developed by Exhibits Development Group in St. Paul, Minnesota, who tours exhibitions globally, including *The International Exhibition of Sherlock Holmes*, *The Magical History Tour: A Beatles Memorabilia Exhibition*, and *Pompeii: The Immortal*. The exhibition presents the award-winning costumes created for the British hit drama produced by the London Academy award-winning costumier, Cosprop Ltd. The costumes were created for the television show's aristocratic Crawley family and their servants who inhabit the fictional English country estate of Downton Abbey. The costumes range from country tweeds and riding outfits; servants' uniforms and footmen's livery; to lavish evening attire crafted from sumptuous fabrics and decorated with intricate embroidery, lace, and beading.

Ken Howard, Director of the Museum of History, shared, "We are thrilled that the North Carolina Museum of History is able to bring this exhibition to Raleigh. Our visitors and all the adoring fans of *Downton Abbey*™ will enjoy seeing the costumes from this award-winning program that so captured the public's attention."

*Dressing the Abbey* weaves popular culture, fashion, and history in an exhibition borrowed from *Downton Abbey*'s™ wardrobe. It will be on display at the North Carolina Museum of History from October 23, 2021, through January 17, 2022.

This traveling exhibit will be open to visitors during normal museum hours. For more information regarding visiting the museum, please refer to <https://www.ncmuseumofhistory.org/about/plan-your-visit>.

Mark your calendars! Pre-sale for tickets will start after Labor Day on **September 7, 2021**. Tickets can be purchased online at [ncmuseumofhistoryshop.com](http://ncmuseumofhistoryshop.com), in person, or over the phone at 919-814-6970. There will be no timed tickets.

\$15 for general admission

\$12 for seniors (62 and up), military, and educators

\$10 for members (plus first ticket is free)

\$10 for ages 7 to 17

Children ages 6 and under are free

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#### **About Exhibits Development Group (EDG):**

The Exhibitionists are dedicated to the development, production, marketing, and distribution of traveling museum exhibitions and cultural projects worldwide. EDG serves as a partner to museums, foundations, collection owners and other exhibition organizers, in the U.S. and abroad in the care and stewardship of their exhibitions and collections. EDG's mission is to initiate and promote international cultural and intellectual exchange by bringing high-quality traveling exhibitions of art, science, and history to broad and diverse audiences.

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**For information about the NC Museum of History**, a Smithsonian Affiliate museum, call 919-814-7000 or access [ncmuseumofhistory.org](http://ncmuseumofhistory.org) or follow the museum on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), [Instagram](#), or [YouTube](#).

#### **About the NC Museum of History**

The North Carolina Museum of History, a Smithsonian Affiliate, fosters a passion for North Carolina history. This museum collects and preserves artifacts of state history and educates the public on the history of the state and the nation through exhibits and educational programs. **Admission is free.** Last year, more than 465,000 people visited the museum to see some of the 150,000 artifacts in the museum collection. The Museum of History, within the Division of State History Museums, is part of the NC Department of Natural and Cultural Resources.

#### **About the Smithsonian Affiliations Network**

Since 2006, the North Carolina Museum of History has been a Smithsonian Affiliate, part of a select group of museums, cultural, educational, and arts organizations that share Smithsonian resources with the nation. The Smithsonian Affiliations network is a national outreach program that develops long-term collaborative partnerships with museums, educational, and cultural organizations to enrich communities with Smithsonian resources. More information is available at [affiliations.si.edu](http://affiliations.si.edu).

**About the NC Department of Natural and Cultural Resources**

The North Carolina Department of Natural and Cultural Resources (NCDNCR) is the state agency with a vision to be the leader in using the state's natural and cultural resources to build the social, cultural, educational, and economic future of North Carolina. NCDNCR's mission is to improve the quality of life in our state by creating opportunities to experience excellence in the arts, history, libraries, and natural assets in North Carolina by stimulating learning, inspiring creativity, preserving the state's history, conserving the state's natural heritage, encouraging recreation and cultural tourism, and promoting economic development.

NCDNCR includes 27 historic sites, seven history museums, two art museums, two science museums, three aquariums, and Jennette's Pier, as well as 39 state parks and recreation areas, the North Carolina Zoo, the nation's first state-supported symphonic orchestra, the State Library of North Carolina, the State Archives of North Carolina, the North Carolina Arts Council, the North Carolina State Historic Preservation Office, and the North Carolina Office of State Archaeology, along with the state Division of Land and Water Stewardship. For more information, call 919-814-6800 or visit [DNCR.nc.gov](http://DNCR.nc.gov).

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